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CENTRAL FROM THE MOUNTAIN

## HALF A CENTURY OF SALVATIONISM

noble sentence spoken by him on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary, a little more than twelve years ago: "My mother gave the direction to my life and my father the impulse. My wife

The General played a brave and sacrificial part in an event which has gone to make national history. He was in close association with the late Mr. W. T. Stread in a successful effort on behalf of friendless and helpless young girls, whose ruin was then frequent and deliberate. Though this brought him considerable opprobrium, the judge before whom he appeared in court characterised his conduct in this case as that of a Christian gentleman. In connection with this memorable fight, five thousand Salvation Soldiers marched through London to the House of Commons and presented a mammoth petition in favour of the Bill dealing with a monstrous evil and which ultimately passed.

### Genesis of Slum Work

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It is not too widely known that the Slum Work of the Army was largely the creation of the General. While yet a young man he was

burdened with the increasingly onerous duties of his exalted office, but he contrived, nevertheless, to pay frequent visits to the slum quarters of Hackney, "Donkey Row," East London, and other places caring for the sick, tidying up rooms in rookeries, and preaching Salvation and holding prayer meetings with the neighbours. Night after night he wandered through the dismal courts and alleys studying the habits and characters of the people.

Out of this was conceived the idea of purging the moral plague-spots of our city life by the sweetening influence of clean, happy, serene denying servants of Jesus Christ who would forsake their own circles of comfort and actually live amongst the poor and degraded. As, however, the original plan did not answer, Shmida's "Posta," from which self-sacrificing sisters had been fostered, was dissolved, and the "Sisters of the Holy Family" founded. These splendid women quickly became known as "Slum Angels," perhaps because of what Cardinal Manning said when he declared that "they were God's angels of hope and mercy."

### Remarkable Characteristics

Of necessity, however, by far the greater part of the General's work during the thirty-two years that he filled the position of Chief of the Staff lay behind the scenes. His days were many of them spent in solving difficult problems connected with both the Army's present and future. One of his most remarkable characteristics has been his knowledge and recollection of individual Officers, their work, their circumstances, and their difficulties.

Though the late General was fond of saying that no one but himself knew who was to be his successor, it was recognized by everyone as certain that the supreme direction of the Army had been bequeathed to him who was, as a matter of actual fact, the only Officer qualified to fill the post. For the last ten years of his father's life Mr. Bramwell Broth was his chief executive Officer. And years before that, when enemies threatened the Organization the Chief of Staff stood by his father's side, bore the brunt of the battle as co-organizer, director and teacher.

### Man of Supreme Faith

A candid critic of the Army, its methods, and its system, was forced by the weight of evidence to write of Mr. Bramwell Booth, who had not at that time entered upon his succession as General in the following terms:—

### **"Whitechapel Days"**

in the following terms: "I have no hesitation in saying that without his executive nous and skill, and his contentment to occupy the most onerous and thankless offices, it would have been humanly impossible for General Booth to have given any cohesion and uniformity to the many departments that had to be created after a new and dangerous path was opened, and the courage to make announcements when experience forced him to recognize that the General himself was 'out of his depth' in many matters of detail. A man of supreme faith in the principle of an experiment not then proved the success that it now is, was required, and his son the General found that man to perfection."<sup>9</sup>

# LATEST NEWS OF SALVATION ARMY FIGHTING ON THE FIELD

## WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Major and Mrs. Crichton conduct Week-end Meetings—Comrades Welcome From Old Country.

The meetings for the week-end, October 9-10, were conducted by Major and Mrs. Crichton. On the Saturday night a splendid crowd roared around the open air meeting, attentively listening to the Major's earnest appeal.

The Holiness meeting was well attended.

In the afternoon the Major paid a visit to the Company meeting, and gave an address to the children.

The praise meeting went with a swing. The Major gave an earnest address, after which the Major enrolled three Soldiers.

The open-air meeting at night was attended by a record number of Soldiers. At the inside meeting nine souls knelt at the Cross.

On Monday night a welcome supper was attended by a good crowd. We welcomed home Bandman Manning and his son Wilfred.

The Ingersoll Band kindly came over to help us, and rendered splendid music.

We also said welcome to three new Bandmen from Ingersoll, namely: Stanley Cracknell, solo cornet; Robert Bond, first cornet, and John Morris, solo horn.

Capt. Sergeant Major Hillyer, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed them on behalf of the Corps. Band Sergeant Driver said how delighted the band was to welcome the members of the new boys, Young People's Sergeant Major Snijder said welcome over to the new recruits.

Ensign Huland said he was glad to know Bandmaster Manning and were glad to get back safe. He also expressed appreciation of the Deputy Bandmaster Evans for his faithful work in leading on the Band in the absence of the Bandmaster.

Bandmaster Manning introduced the new Bandmen, and said they came from real Salvationist homes. Each of the boys replied, and said they were determined to stand by the Flag in this country as they had done in their home Corps over the sea.—W. H.

## MONTREAL II.

The week-end meetings of October 9 and 10 were a means of blessing to us all. The open-air meeting on Saturday was largely attended.

On Sunday evening we held a large open-air, and in the meeting, that night, God's Spirit was manifest.

Adjutant and Mrs. Barry were present, and Mrs. Barry spoke on "Memory and Great Power. We had the joy of seeing three souls at the Cross, one of these being the wife of a man who came out for Salvation last Sunday. Adjutant and Mrs. Barry are becoming Soldiers of the Corps.—D. H. G.

## WESTVILLE.

We are having good times under the leadership of Captain and Mrs. Fife. The attendance at the Company meeting is increasing. A Songster Brigade has been started, and is doing well. The Corps meeting is also getting along fine. The Pictou County united meeting was held recently. It was attended by Ensign Johnson from Ingersoll, and Mr. E. B.

## SYDNEY.

Corps Cadets and Life-Saving Scouts' Band Take Part in Rally Day Services.

On Rally Day (October 3) we had a very interesting meeting. The Corps Cadets did their part well in leading the afternoon meeting.

The Life-Saving Scouts' Band played for the first time in public. The people appreciated their music very much.

Adjutant Holland took the lesson at night, and we had the joy of seeing one soul surrender to God.

We are now in the midst of Harvest Festival.

On Monday night, October 4, Sisters Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Burt led the meeting. Their singing was enjoyed very much.—Observer.

## HAMILTON IV.

Week-end Meetings Led by Divisional Commander—Two Soldiers.

On Sunday, October 3, we had excellent attendance at all the meetings. We were led by Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Hargrave, who introduced Adjutant Best as the new Divisional Commander for our Division.

We were delighted to have them with us, and gave them a real warm welcome. As the night of hard fighting, we gained the victory, with two captives for our Lord and King.

"Our Officers, Captain Cosway and Lieutenants, were much enjoyed during the week-end of October 9-11.—E. A. R.

## LONDON II.

Sunday Meetings Led by Major and Mrs. Crichton—Five Soldiers.

On Sunday, October 3, Major and Mrs. Crichton conducted the meetings. The Holiness meeting was a very interesting time.

In the evening service the power of God was felt in a mighty way. Capt. and Mrs. Barry were present, and said they were determined to stand by the Flag in this country as they had done in their home Corps over the sea.—W. H.

## CAMPBELLFORD.

"God our Maker does provide." The comrades and friends of the Campbellford Corps fully realized the meaning of the saying when they saw the beautiful display of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc., that decorated the hall, and we could not fail to see His hand in it. Our sale was held on Monday night, and on Tuesday, Adjutant and Mrs. Barry were becoming Soldiers of the Corps.—D. H. G.

## WIATON.

We have had good meetings here. The last three meetings were led by the new Divisional Commander, Captain Barry, and Lieutenant Deschamps have fared well. They have done good work here, but we could have done during their stay. We have welcomed Captain Stevens and Lieutenant Wood.

## DUNNVILLE.

Brantford Young People's Band Assist at Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival meetings at Dunnville were very interesting. The Brantford Young People's Band came to assist, along with Young People's Sergeant Major Osborne and Sergeant Robinson. On Sunday afternoon the band gave a musical service in the Hall. Mr. Chas. R. Blythe was chairman, and Rev. Thos. Green led in the opening prayer. In addition to the Band members, there were a violin solo by E. H. Manning, and a reading by Sgt. Robinson, and recitations, dialogues, and vocal and instrumental numbers by the Bandmen.

In the evening the Hall was packed. The lesson was read by Sergeant Robinson, who gave a unique and interesting lesson on the Tree.

A feature of the Monday evening meeting was the sale of the fruit and vegetables, used for decorative purposes.

## YORKVILLE (TORONTO).

Seventeen Bands Come Forward on Sunday.

During the week the Spirit of God worked mightily in a wonderful way. The Saturday night meeting was led by the Band, and a real good meeting it was. The music and singing were much enjoyed by all present.

Sunday morning proved a surprise. The new Divisional Commander came along and led the meeting. This was a season rich in blessing, and three comrades came forward to know more of God. The praise meeting in the afternoon, led by Mrs. Adjutant White and the Bride of the Cross, gave a great number of comrades an opportunity to testify.

At night the meeting was full of real Salvationist and direct appeal. After a hard struggle we rejoiced over fourteen souls at the mercy-seat, making a total of seventeen for the week.—J. H. S.

## MIMICO.

Bright Interesting Meetings—Good Attendances.

Sunday, October 17th, was the day of real blessing to the comrades of the Mimico Corps. The new Divisional Commander, Captain Wilson gave a very helpful address, based on "Behold, I Send Forth Messengers, and charged all to be more faithful and do more for God's Kingdom.

At night Captain Waldorf delivered a most powerful and uplifting address on "Thanksgiving."

Brother G. Baker soloed in the Holiness meeting, and Lieutenant Hutton at night.—C. C.

## WALLACEBUR.

Major Crichton visited Wallaceburg on Wednesday, October 13. His address was very inspiring. We also had with us Captain and Mrs. Squarbridge and Lieutenant Deschamps and Mrs. Hutton, who welcomed Major Crichton to the London Division. Mr. Crichton was very much pleased with the work of the T. Eaton Co. Grocery Department.—F. A. W.

## EARLS COURT (TORONTO).

Final Sunday Meetings Held in Old Hall—Previous Meetings Reached—Officers and Soldiers Eager to Solemn Covenant.

Special farewell services were held at Earls Court on Sunday, October 10, it being the last Sunday service that would be held by the Earls Court Corps in the building, which has done duty for the past ten years. Many precious and hallowed memories of the history of the Corps since Brother Aldridge, of sainted memory, who was lost on the Empress of Ireland disaster, built the Hall on St. Charles Avenue with the assistance of several comrades, and it was with varied feelings that the comrades spoke of the blessings received and inspiration which God had given to them from time to time in their association with the Earls Court Corps.

Captain Hickling and Ensign Aldridge spoke of their associations with the Corps and the resolution made by them to the strength of God as the result of blessings received. Band-Sergeant Farrell, who was a member of the first Earls Court band, also spoke of his association with the Corps at home, and a number of comrades, who have been overseas, Young People's Sergeant Major Stagg, of West Toronto, who spent a number of very happy years as a Soldier at Earls Court, assisted during the day. While Mr. Aldridge also spoke with a feeling that brought blessing upon all, making it a most enjoyable time, unable to gain admittance, Band and Songsters excelled themselves, and seven souls came to the mercy-seat.

At the close of the meeting, signs and Mrs. Parsons, with twenty comrades, publicly dedicated themselves for service in the new Citadel, and entered into a covenant with God to do His faithful service.

Grouped around the Colours, the covenant was solemnly made, a consecration song was sung, and a grand day was brought to a fitting close.

## EAST TORONTO.

The Yorkville Band gave us a splendid festival on Monday evening, October 13th, at the new Citadel Church. (Kindly lent.) Lieut. Colonel Morehen was in the chair. The music and singing of the Band was very much enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. One very interesting item of the evening was the singing of the hymn "The March of the Silver-plated Ephraimites" by the East Toronto Band. This instrument was bought by the fellow workers of the T. Eaton Co. Grocery Department.—F. A. W.

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## THREE WATERS OFFICERS.

Who Were All Converted in Small Ontario Towns Thirty-Six Years Ago—Still Going Strong.

The three Officers whose photos appear on this page are old Canadian veterans and are still going strong. They recently met at Pasadena, California.

Staff-Captain W. Bradley came out of the Holiness movement. Westcott, although converted in Oshawa, came into the work from Brandon, Manitoba, where Staff-Captain Ayre is a product of Bowmanville. The following commands in Eastern Canada were held by these veterans in years gone by: Commandant, Westcott, at Centre Street, Toronto; Dovercourt, and Tyrone; Staff-Captain Ayre, at the West, Port Hope, Orillia, Parry Sound, Brantford, St. Catharines, Simcoe, and Lindsay; Commandant, Westcott, at Temple, Ligar Street, and St. John's, Newfoundland; Staff-Captain Bradley, Hamilton, Oakville, Stouffville, Peterborough, Stroud, Schomberg, Beaton, Stroud, Paisley, Glenora, Comber, Deseronto, Gainsboro, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Chatham, N. B., Moncton, Springfield Mines, Orillia, Brantford, Ligar Street, Simcoe, and Comber.

These were Corps and District. After thirty-six years they have the old-time Salvation Army spirit, fire, and zeal.

## CAMPBELLTON.

Life-Saving Guards Did Good Service in Harvest Festival Effort.

Our Harvest Festival service on Monday night, October 11th, with our sale, which was a grand success. Adjutant Major and Mrs. Crichton were present, and made it such. Young People's Sergeant Major Price was auctioneer. Special mention should be made of the Life-Saving Guards, who, having a competition, a flag to be given to the Patrol awarded the music at the tables, which was very prettily decorated. Advance Patrol, which is made up of Guards from 10 to 14 years, won the flag. This year's income is a record.

The work here is steadily progressing, under the leadership of Adjutant and Mrs. Crichton. The Holiness movement is gradually increasing, and the comrades are being saved.

The Home League, under Mrs. Major, is working hard, and soon hope to put on a sale.

The Young People's Work, led by Young People's Sergeant Major Price, averages second in the town, and the attendance is still increasing. "Rally Day" services were well attended.—A. J. E.

## TRENTON, ONT.

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We finished up the day with four souls at the Cross, including a man and wife, whose babies were looked after by comrades while they came to the mercy-seat and got gloriously saved.

Our Guards and Scouts are coming on fine. We are sending for uniforms. Our Officers are Captain W. Jones and Lieutenant Beckwith.—J. W. K.

## COLONEL HAMMOND.

Visits a Number of Corps in the London Division—Interesting Lectures.

Visiting Mr. W. was the first Corps visited, and the Colonel spent a weekend there, making a great impression upon the audience.

In the afternoon the Colonel lectured on the Holiness movement.

## DOVERCOURT (TORONTO).

Mrs. Lieut. Colonel Miller and the Corps Cadets Conduct an Interesting Meeting.

The Corps Cadets were responsible for the meeting last Sunday afternoon, and made a great impression upon the audience.

Mrs. Lieut. Colonel Miller, the wife of a retired soldier, was present and rendered good assistance.

## NEW CORPS.

Is Opened in Toronto Division by Lieut. Colonel Morehen—Four Seekers on Sunday.

The opening of the new Hall on Bloor Street (Toronto) took place on Sunday, October 2, Lieut. Colonel Morehen being in charge of the proceedings. The Master Band was present and rendered good assistance.

A splendid crowd attended the first service, the Hall being packed. Lieut. Colonel Morehen, who was transferred to the new Corps from Chester, was made Sgt.-Major.

The Sunday meetings were conducted by Captain Bobbit and Lieutenant Pease, assisted by twelve Cadets. Thirty-seven children attended Company meetings, and thirty the Junior Salvation meeting. There were good attendances at the Senior meetings, and the prospects are excellent for a good work being accomplished in this district.

## RIVERDALE (TORONTO).

Ensign Spooner Conducts Helpful Thanksgiving Services.

The week-end services conducted by Ensign Spooner were well attended. The Holiness meeting was a time of great blessing, the Ensign reminding all present of many causes for thanksgiving and praise.

The afternoon was devoted to reaching the local part, who listened very attentively to the earnest Bible talks of Ensign Spooner and his wife.

Ensign Spooner's earnest address, we had the joy of seeing two souls at the Cross.

During the day we extended a hearty welcome to Bandman Baxter from Ireland, and Sister Mrs. Knight, from Niagara Falls. On Monday night we had another splendid crowd, and the Ensign gave an interesting lecture entitled, "Young Canada in the Making."

## WINGHAM.

On Sunday, October 10th, farewell services were held, and were well attended, especially in the evening, when a good crowd assembled to bid farewell to our comrades, who were leaving for England, assisted by Captain Laycock. During his stay here Captain Laycock, especially to the Young People, and many of the Soldiers testified to the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

On Wednesday evening, October 13th, a social gathering was held.—E. B. M.

## CORNWALL.

On September 25 and 26th Captain Lloyd of Montreal conducted the Harvest Festival services.

The comrades and friends were most cheered and blessed by the inspiring addresses given by the Captain. We raised \$463.43.

Every comrade did his or her best, and the Hall is now being repaired and painted, inside and out, also the quarters are being painted and papered, and to the Captain Hayes, who has come, we shall have a future in—M. S.



Staff-Captain Ayre, Pasadena Social; Commandant Westcott, Phoenix, Arizona; Staff-Captain Bradley, Pasadena Corps. (See Col. One.)

turned on the Salvation Army work in the Far East. Mr. Wade, from the educational staff of the Corps Company, presided. A very audience was present, and every word of the Colonel's was of interest. The Holiness and Salvationist meetings were times of blessing.

Leamington, St. Thomas, Ingersoll and London 11, were favoured with a visit, and the letters given at these places was greatly appreciated. A week-end was spent at London 1, when the blessings of God were very much manifested.

In the afternoon the Colonel gave his experience while in Italy. This he linked up with the life of Paul, which was very interesting. At night the Citadel was well filled to hear the Colonel again, and we believe the Holiness and Salvationist meetings were long and accomplished work.

## WALKERVILLE.

Major Crichton Enrolls Four Senior and Seven Junior Soldiers.

Four Soldiers.

The week-end meetings were conducted by our new Divisional Commander, Major A. Crichton. On Saturday night a regular old-fashioned free and easy service was enjoyed.

In the Holiness meeting Sunday morning the Major gave a rousing address. We were much inspired to continue in the fight to the end.

In the afternoon meeting the Major enrolled seven Junior Soldiers, and at night four Seniors were saved.

We finished up the day with four souls at the Cross, including a man and wife, whose babies were looked after by comrades while they came to the mercy-seat and got gloriously saved.

Our Guards and Scouts are coming on fine. We are sending for uniforms. Our Officers are Captain W. Jones and Lieutenant Beckwith.—J. W. K.

## PARRY SOUND.

On Sunday, October 3, we held our annual Harvest Festival service. A fine lot of vegetables and fruit was shown. On Monday night we had our sale. A large number of comrades were present, and the most successful yet, the sum of \$40 being realized.—C. P. T.





## NEW MOTOR TRUCKS

Are Dedicated to Mission of Mercy by Men's Social Secretary.

An evidence of the advances being made by the Toronto Industrial Department, under the superintendence of Major Burrows, was the recent dedication by Lieut.-Colonel Orway, the Men's Social Secretary, of six new motor trucks. As will be seen by the photo at the foot of this page, the trucks are fine-looking vehicles, admirably adapted for their purpose. All the drivers are Salvationists, employees of the Industrial Department.

A little ceremony was held on Thursday, October 15, when the trucks were dedicated for service. It commenced with the lining out by Major Burrows of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Lieut.-Colonel Noble then prayed that God would bless the Men's Social Department in the work it was doing.

Colonel Orway then congratulated Major Burrows on the enterprise he had shown in acquiring the new trucks, and stated that this was only the first step in a big scheme of advance that was contemplated. He then dedicated the trucks to the glory of God and for the good of mankind, describing the work they were to do in gathering "waste" material, which would be used in salvaging waste humanity.

Mrs. Olway offered the dedicatory prayer. "May every journey they take be a journey of mercy," she prayed. "Bless the work they shall do and grant to us may more than ever devoted to the lives to the people who need it." The service then concluded with the doxology.

## NEW ARMY PAPER.

Is the American "Young Soldier" makes Its Appearance—Our 94th Periodical.

A cordial welcome is extended to "El Joven Soldado," a South American issue of "The Young Soldier," which has just made its appearance in Buenos Aires. Upon this sign of progress in the Territory Colonel Palmer may well be congratulated. It is perhaps an evidence of the increasing hold which the Army is obtaining upon the Young People of the Argentine and neighbouring Republics, who are living in the midst of influences flagrantly opposed to religion in the simple, practical, and attractive form represented by the Army. This the thirty-fourth periodical issued from our world's press is a further sign of expansion in this department of Salvationist propaganda. It will shortly be followed by new issues of "The War Cry" in Chicago and San Francisco and possibly other cities. It is enthusiastically our Editorial motto.

## New Earlsclough Citadel

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fastest than ever, so that a good spiritual work would be done. The financial statement was read by Lieut.-Colonel Noble, the Property Secretary, who congratulated the Corps and friends on having managed to raise a percentage of the cost.

An address was given by the Lieut.-Colonel on "Doors," his chief emphasis being placed on the city of Salvation, and how to enter it. Lieut.-Colonel Perry closed in prayer.

At night the Earlsclough Band and Songsters gave a Musical Festival, at which Lieut.-Colonel Noble, the Divisional Commander, presided.

The Holiness meeting on Sunday morning was well attended. In the testimony meeting, led by the Chief Secretary, many comrades took the opportunity of hearing witness to full Salvation, and expressing their determination to push the Salvation.

The spiritual atmosphere of the meeting was of that warm kind which inspires and encourages all who are of God and for the good of mankind, describing the work they were to do in gathering "waste" material, which would be used in salvaging waste humanity.

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## Lecture on South Africa.

The Hall was packed for the afternoon meeting, when the Commissioner gave his famous lecture on "South Africa, which never fails to interest and enlighten his audience. Mr. McNichol presided, and in congratulating the Army upon its progress in the Territory, Colonel Palmer may well be congratulated. It is perhaps an evidence of the increasing hold which the Army is obtaining upon the Young People of the Argentine and neighbouring Republics, who are living in the midst of influences flagrantly opposed to religion in the simple, practical, and attractive form represented by the Army. This the thirty-fourth periodical issued from our world's press is a further sign of expansion in this department of Salvationist propaganda. It will shortly be followed by new issues of "The War Cry" in Chicago and San Francisco and possibly other cities. It is enthusiastically our Editorial motto.

## MONCTON.

The meetings on Saturday, October 10, were led by Brigadier Moore, assisted by Adjutant Owen. Both Of-

concluded, "Do not let anything take you away from the work you are doing."

Mrs. Brigadier Richards, lately from Korea, daughter-in-law of the Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, was present at this meeting, with her three girls, and the missionary feature of it was intensified when they sang together.

"Preach the Word, oh, preach the Word."

Make the Gospel story heard; In the highways and the byways, Or in lands beyond the sea, Do some witnessing for Jesus Wherever you may be.

At the night meeting, after Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Orway had prayed, the Headquarters Quartette, and Lieut.-Colonel Noble, the Commissioner, delivered a powerful message on Sowing and Reaping.

## What Are You Sowing?

He related some striking stories from his own experience to illustrate the great truth that as a man sows so shall he reap, and pressed home to his audience the question, "What seed are you sowing?"

The prayer meeting was a very melting time, when the tears of penitents seeking Salvation mingled with the prayers of Soldiers who came forward to recommit themselves to the war, and the shouts of victory of veteran campaigners. Among the seekers was a man and wife, the father and mother of an Officer, and it was a very affecting sight to see their son kiss them both as they rose from their knees. Many Hallelujahs were heard as the background of long standing, the subject of many prayers, came rushing to the mercy-seat. Thus the first Sunday's campaign in the new Citadel ended up triumphantly with souls in the Mountain, and Soldiers getting baptized with Fire. Truly the very best sign possible that the Earlsclough Corps is going to progress along the right lines.

At a Junior meeting, conducted by Mrs. Brigadier Green, six children came to Jesus. The Band and Songsters rendered excellent service during the week-end, demonstrating that they are increasing in efficiency, as well as growing in number. On Monday a great Thanksgiving banquet was held, followed by a Musical Festival.

Officers gave stirring addresses during the day, and at the evening meeting twelve seekers knelt at the Cross. One also came forward in the Holiness meeting—C. Lutes.

## FOR BETTER NEWS SERVICE

Plans For Securing Additional Matter of Interest to War Cry Readers.

Those who have excellent opportunity of judging admirably that only a very small proportion of the only of the Salvation Army is placed on record. Many striking incidents, representing one or another phase of Army service or spirit, either go entirely unmentioned, or, at best, become known only to very few.

This is a pity. God ought to have glory for all that He embles our men and women to do and be for His sake. And "The War Cry" might well be made the means of increased interest and inspiration to more of the happenings in which Salvationists figure were reported in its columns.

In order to promote interest and co-operation in an endeavour to accomplish this, the Commissioner has decided that an amount of \$200 will be made on Monday of each week for the incident which is decided to be the best received by the Editor of "The War Cry" up to the previous Saturday, and the name of the successful contributor will be given in the succeeding issue of the "War Cry." The competition is open to every reader, and contributions marked "Incident" Competition should be addressed, The Editor, War Cry, etc., etc.

Furthermore, in order to stimulate a friendly competition among those responsible for reporting Corps work, the Commissioner has approved of a further weekly award of \$2 for the best Corps report received by the Editor of The War Cry not later than Tuesday in any week.

The hearty co-operation of all concerned is confidently anticipated, as is also the blessing of God upon the efforts to increase The War Cry's usefulness.

## WATCHING THE RESCUERS.

Some time ago, in the east of London, they were digging a deep drain in Victoria Park. Some of the shovelling gave way, and tons of earth fell down upon several men who were at work there. Of course there was a great deal of excitement, and standing by the brink there was a man looking—I grant you, with real earnestness—on those who were attempting to dig out the earth. But a woman came up to him and put her hand on his shoulder, and said, "Oh, your brother is down there!"

Oh, you should have seen the sudden change! Off went his coat, and then he sprang into the trench and worked as if he had had the strength of ten men. "Amid the masses of the poor and the degraded and the lost, your brother is there! You may not find your act," he said, "Am I your brother's keeper?"

## THE PRAYING LEAGUE

By a Great Old Time, or "Better Than the Beginnings."

It was a natural, happy group of Salvationists of some years' standing gathered together, for the conversation to drift into the well-known old days of the "good old days," so dear to each heart. Now, while the majority is expected to die of those who have spent some years in our Master's Service, I hope there may be helpful thoughts for all readers. The chief idea I would present to my readers is embodied in the last clause of the 11th verse of the 36th Chapter of Exodus. It is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the chapter. It deals with the degeneracy of the land of Israel, and this verse, with the verse 21:20, are Jehovah's promise of redemption and restoration.

## The Lord's Promise.

And, how full and generous was the promise, "Better unto you than all your beginnings." And this seems to be the assurance which the Holy Spirit would have my pen indite for the comfort and encouragement of my readers. The promise made to His ancient people at the time referred to was for temporal as well as for spiritual prosperity. I can, of course, only take up the subject in a general way as it affects our religious life.

What were our beginnings? Our spiritual beginnings? Our thoughts turn in remembrance to our first days of service for the Cross and the Christ. Do you not love to think of the time when you first knew Jesus as your Saviour? What joy! What peace! Why it seemed as if the birds sang a sweeter song, the flowers glowed with a brighter radiance, the sun's rays took a greater brilliancy, the stars danced and glittered in the evening sky as, perhaps, you wended your glad way home from a joyous meeting with a more glorious night.

## Good Old Days.

How calm the peace that filled your heart after those first testimonies to a Saviour's redeeming grace. How forgiving you were to those who persecuted or misunderstood you. How tender your heart was toward the poor drunkard. How sympathetic and kind to the leper who were outside the fold of the Christian experience. Surely—Yes, surely they were "good old days."

No sacrifice was too great, no cross too heavy to bear for our Lord. Your heart beat in glad acquiescence and response to the demand: "Anywhere for Jesus." Oh, my beloved comrades, do not let us deprecate the joys and blessings and services of our first experiences. They are precious, full of cherished memories and rich in their power to cheer and make us strong in our testing times. All they mean to us in sweetness and joy can never be taken away, and were but the foretaste of the full fruition of perfected life in His presence. In the after-time we shall be children in one sense—when in His Kingdom "We see Him as He is."

But, while we prize all the stories of the bygone time as our nearest treasure, let us have the upward—the outward look.

This is why I remind you of the promise of my text. The coals of spiritual fire of the past will turn to ashes if we live only in the dim distance of the yesterdays of life. The future holds something good for us, something better even than the richest of the past.

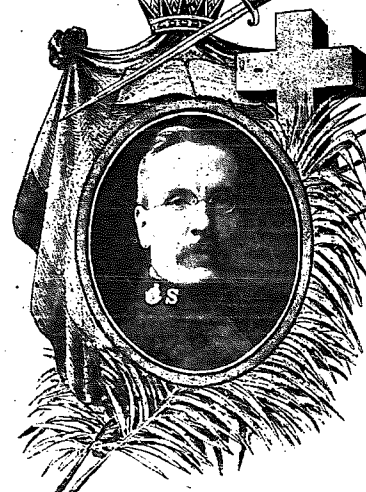
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## Colonel Samuel Rees

## AN APPRECIATION BY THE COMMISSIONER.

COLONEL SAM REES was a life-long comrade and friend of mine. From our boyhood days our souls were knit together like Jonathan and David. I found in him a spirit akin to my own. Within a week of getting saved himself he led me to the penitential-forn.

His loyalty to God, the Army, and his General was ever firm and unshaken. His patriotism went in love to the Organization and to his comrades—he never did an unkind thing, nor said an unkind word.



Colonel Samuel Rees

Promoted to Glory From Oakland, Cal., on October 13th.

kind word to anyone throughout his life. His obedience to God and the concern was always clear-cut and joyfully rendered. His earnestness ran into enthusiasm which caused him to exert himself, in my opinion, beyond his strength—which probably shortened his days.

His courage was indomitable leading him to stand for right in face of imprisonment for righteousness sake thirty-eight years ago—the Army world knows that he suffered for the Cause.

His patience with the weak and erring was Christlike in its character, and his long career of self-denial, deperate aggressiveness for God and the Army, is worthy of our entire emulation.

And now he has been left a gap that it will be difficult to fill from an Army standpoint, and a niche in my own heart that never will be filled until we meet in the Morning. Earth is poorer and Heaven has increased in wealth since the Great King has said "Well Done!" And now he rests from his labours, and his works do follow him!

W. J. RICHARDS, Commissioner.

## An Outline of the Colonel's Career.

Colonel Rees was a product of the Army, and always gloried in that fact. It was while in "full cry" that he was met by the Army, then known as the Christian Mission. This is how it came about: One night a group of Missioners were singing and speaking in the streets. Always in for "a bit of fun," as Sam called it, he went up and started in once to interrupt the speakers with such remarks as "Shut up." "What do you know about that?" "What's a lie?" "Quit that voice—by his side said, "God bless you! Are you saved?" It

was Sister Kate Watts, the lady evangelist, now the wife of Colonel Josiah Taylor.

"Of course I am," he replied, in a spirit of bravado.

"Sinking his hand in hers, the speaker looked him straight in the face—he saw that her eyes were swimming with tears—"It will pray for you," she said.

"Those tears upset me!" said the Colonel, whenever relating the incident. "I was so overcome by the scene, the words I had heard also troubled me greatly, and the lie I had told seemed to glare at me out of the darkness."

Surrendered to God. The upshot of it all was that he went to the meeting the next night and surrendered himself to God.

Six months after his conversion the present General conducted an all-night of prayer at Merthyr Tydvil. In that meeting young Rees stepped out of his garb of clothes into full liberty. God sanctified his soul and gave him a wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Then clear, definite, and unmistakable came the call for Officers—Rees stepped out of the house of the evangelists writing his application to the General. The following Sunday morning he received word that he had been accepted, and was instructed to proceed without delay to Aberystwyth.

One of the main ways in which there was how to pay 3s 6d a week for lodgings out of the 2s 6d he received for salary. The main way in which he met this early struggle showed his leaders that he possessed real grit, for he stiffened his neck, set his teeth, and in the strength of God went at the work with such determination that he finished gloriously.

That was the start of his career of soul-saving and Soldier-making. Undeterred by showers of rotten eggs and balls of red chalk, he went on saying of curses and blows and of imprisonment for peace.

In all, he commanded fifteen Corps in the British Isles, including Manchester 1, Grimsby 1, Belfast 1, Oldham and Boston.

Made Divisional Commander. Early in 1887 he was appointed to Preston, with the rank of Staff-Captain, as A.D.C. to Major Hodder.

From the following year he was made a Divisional Commander and appointed to the Lincoln Division. He followed the Norwich Division, where he was promoted to the rank of Major. He then commanded the South and West Wales Division, and the Reading Divisions. Was promoted to the rank of Brigadier in 1895, and as Provincial Commander in 1900.

He followed the Manchester, Western. In 1900 he was appointed as Candidates' Secretary at the International Headquarters, with the oversight of the Regimental Headquarters. He followed the rank of Brigadier in 1901, he was for some time Chief Officer for the Field Training of the Cadets in the International Training College, from which appointment he sailed from England for Newfoundland on October 12th, 1908—14 years exactly to the date he was promoted to Major. For five years he was Provincial Commander in Newfoundland, being appointed to Territorial Headquarters, Toronto, as Men's Social Secretary in 1911. He was appointed to the rank of Brigadier in 1915, received his Long Service Badge in 1916, and was promoted Colonel in 1920, being officially retired.

His last Sunday on earth was spent in San Francisco, at Lieut.-Colonel Orway's "welcome" meetings.





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### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:—

Friday, October 29—Young People's Meeting—Temple, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, October 30—Great March from Queen's Park, 3 p.m.; Civic Reception at City Hall 4 p.m.; Soldiers' and ex-Soldiers' Meeting in the Massey Hall, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st

### Three Great Meetings in the Massey Hall

10.30 a.m.—For Officers and Soldiers; 3 p.m.—THE GENERAL will Lecture on "The Salvation Army" (Chief Justice Sir William Mulock will preside); 7 p.m.—Salvation Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

Missionary Demonstration in Cooke's Church, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 2nd, 3rd and 4th—Councils for Field and Staff Officers.